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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/822,380	Applicant(s) PARK ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Corey M. Broussard.

(3) Michael Musella (Reg#39310).

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Date of Interview: 03 August 2006.

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c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's Representative wished to discuss the Advisory Action Filed July 26, 2006 and the interpretation of the word "step". The Examiner explained his position, but an agreement was not reached.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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**LISA LEA-EDMONDS
PRIMARY EXAMINER**



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- (1) Lisa Lea-Edmonds. (3) _____.
- (2) Mr. M. Musella. (4) _____.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Musella first had a conversation with examiner Broussard, in which Mr. Musella expressed that the sending of the advisory action dated 6/26/06 was improper. Afterwards, examiner Broussard talked to me about the properness of the advisory action. I, in turn, called Mr. Musella in an attempt to understand applicant's position and to further explain the position of examiner Broussard and myself as signing primary examiner. As I understand it, applicant's position is that the advisory action was sent in error because the examiner of record agreed with applicant's remarks and that the amendment to the claims did not change the scope thereof. As interpreted by examiner Broussard in light of applicant specification the phrase "a step" was interpreted as a very short distance (as in just a step away). However, as amended the phrase "the step" is being interpreted to mean stairs or a stair (as in something such as a ledge that resembles a step of a stairway or an inclination or elevation). Thus applicant's change from the phrase "a step" to "the step" has in fact changed the scope of the claims. Therefore the advisory action was sent properly. As stated in my conversation with Mr. Musella, I further conferred with my SPE who agreed that the advisory action was properly .